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18TH CENTURY OIL ON CANVAS PORTRAIT OF A YOUNG GENTLEMAN ATTRIBUTED TO THOMAS HICKEY (c.1741-1824)

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1024107****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 36 cm (14.2")

Width = 30 cm (11.8")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

Stylish and sensitively rendered 18th century oval portrait of a young gentleman, attributed to Thomas Hickey (c.1741-1824). The as yet unknown young noble sitter, is fresh faced with long chestnut locks and a soft and pleasing expression. He is the wears a pale green coat with brass buttons and a striped waistcoated bowed shirt. This fine portrait is presented in its original fine carved and gilded, oval 18th century frame and is ready to hang and enjoy. Thomas Hickey (c.1741-1824)

One of the great adventurers in the history of Irish art, Thomas Hickey was a popular and successful portrait artist, who practised portraiture in Ireland, the UK, Portugal, India and China, but never achieved significant acclaim in his native country during his lifetime. He was born in Dublin, the son of a sweet-maker, and studied drawing and painting at the Dublin Society schools, where he gained numerous prizes in his early teens. His early works were largely portraits executed in chalk, but following a study trip to Italy in the early 1760s, he began exhibiting a range of oil paintings. Depressed by his failure to ...

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